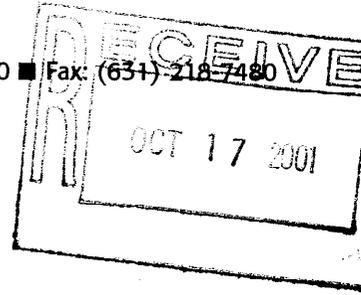




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October 3, 2001

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter will serve as a 30 day notification pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994 that NBTY Inc. is using the following statements on our Deodorized Garlic supplement under the Spring Valley label:

- Nutritionally Supports Heart & Cardiovascular Health
- For centuries, Garlic has been used for its exceptional healing properties and more recently, for its antioxidant properties.
- Natural ingredients in Garlic include alliin, allinase and allicin.
- Garlic promotes heart and cardiovascular health and helps maintain cholesterol levels that are already within the normal range.

The above statements are accompanied by the required disclaimer pursuant to Section 6 of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act.

Sincerely,

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Director of Nutrition Communications

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